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Identical letters dated 17 May 2012 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write to draw your attention yet again to the continued terrorist attacks emanating from the Gaza Strip, which place one million Israeli civilians under the constant spectre of violence.

Just this week, on 15 May 2012, terrorists in Gaza fired a rocket into southern Israel, which exploded in the area of Sha'ar Hanegev.

Each attack holds the potential to spark a serious escalation of conflict in our already turbulent region. The danger is apparent. Yet, the Security Council has still not sent a clear message against the more than 12,000 rockets that have been rained down on Israeli civilians from Gaza.

We expect the Security Council, and all responsible members of the international community, to condemn the relentless rocket fire from Gaza without any further delay.

Israel holds the Hamas terrorist organization fully responsible for all attacks emanating from Gaza, where it remains in de facto control. Israel has exercised and will continue to exercise its right to self-defence, as appropriate, and will take all necessary measures to protect its citizens.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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